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KOTLEV, MVD SPECIALIST,  
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It has been reported by well-informed sources that the Soviet MVD specialist, Pavel Kotlov, has arrived in Berlin to assume the leadership in the war of annihilation against the bourgeois parties and other opponents of the Pieck-Grotewohl regime. Kotlov took over the leadership of the MVD, German Division, on 1 December 1949, and is now engaged in setting up his headquarters in Genthin and reorganizing the MVD to suit his purposes.

Kotlev has been active in Hungary and other satellite countries in the past. His specialty is staging trials of the Mindszenty type, where he not only planned the entire production, but also played a leading part in the prologue. It was Kotlev himself who conducted the Cardinal's 84-hour-long interrogation which resulted in his "confession."

Reportedly, Kotlev's first German job is to go through the SED leadership with a fine-tooth comb, after which he will turn his attention to the bourgeois parties. The trial of former CDU Minister Herdegen in Halle is expected to have a very dramatic introduction.

There are already some signs that something big is brewing in that connection. For example, the CDU Party in Berlin now has a new Russian "supervisor," who has just come from Halle, where he, as a political officer, played a very active part in the disclosure of Herdeggen's "plot."

It hardly seems necessary to point out that the bourgeois parties -- despite assurances to the contrary -- are being watched very closely by the Russians. Russian political officers are posted in all bureaus. Since General Chuikov turned over all political power to the East German government, these officers have changed to civilian clothes, but otherwise the setup is still the same.

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